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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report # 24 -- As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. The army appears to be reluctantly accepting Sukarno's position that there be no major punitive action against the Communists. Apparently it plans to use the situation, however, to strengthen army contacts with the general population and to justify a cleansing of the army and civil defense organizations of Communist elements.
2. Defense Minister General Nasution has ordered the chief of civil defense and people's defense headquarters to order every echelon from the provincial level down to ward and neighborhood associations to rid itself of elements who directly or indirectly were involved in the 30 September movement. Civil defense and people's defense are ordered to accept "spontaneous elements" from among the community who desire to assist the armed forces to restore security. Local civil and people's defense officers are urged to maintain constant contact with military commanders.
3. SOKSI, an army-sponsored labor organization, has adopted a resolution appealing to Sukarno, to create immediately a "fifth force" composed of people who were not involved in the counter-revolutionary 30 September movement. SOKSI's suggestion refers to the proposal by Sukarno, first raised several months ago and strongly endorsed by the Communists, that a fifth force of worker and peasant volunteers be formed and armed.
4. Sukarno, for his part, apparently is moving to counter the army's local activity. The Central Board of the National Front has scheduled a national meeting of regional chapters on 13 October. The National Front is

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an official multi-level organization, largely Communist-dominated, to which Sukarno has frequently assigned agit-prop tasks. The Central Board has requested each province except Central Java to send one representative to the meeting. Central Java, however, has been asked to send representatives from the subprovincial areas of Jogjakarta, Magelang, and Semarang--all Communist centers.

5. Dependents of the embassy staff are being quietly evacuated from Djakarta by commercial aircraft.

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